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## **SBA AND ADVOCATES FOR SMALL BUSINESS PAY TRIBUTE TO “2005 SMALL BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS”**

**PHILADELPHIA** - - - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and Advocates for Small Business (ASB) are proud to announce the “*2005 Small Business Award Winners*” from Eastern Pennsylvania.

*Michael Pearson*, of Union Packaging in Yeadon has been named *Eastern Pennsylvania’s Small Business Person of the Year*. Union Packaging is a manufacturer and supplier of paperboard packaging to the to the fast food restaurant industry. The Small Business Person of the Year Award is given to an individual who owns and operates a small business that has shown staying power, growth in the number of employees, growth in sales, response to adversity, and has contributed to the community.

Pearson and the other Eastern Pennsylvania award winners are scheduled to receive awards at “SBA Day at Citizens Bank Ballpark” before the Philadelphia Phillies game at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 19, 2005. This event is a cooperative effort between SBA, the Phillies and the Advocates for Small Business (ASB), an organization of lenders, business and community leaders whose mission is to recognize the achievements of Eastern Pennsylvania’s small business community.

This celebration is open to the public. For more information, visit SBA’s website at [www.sba.gov/pa/phil](http://www.sba.gov/pa/phil) or call Patricia Younce at the SBA at (215)580-2714.

The other Eastern Pennsylvania Award winners are: Donald Shepherd, of AR Worldwide in Souderton, is the Small Business Exporter of the Year; Kathleen O’Brien, a business attorney with the law firm of Montgomery, Walker & Rhoads, in Philadelphia, is named Women in Business Champion of the Year; Maureen Conallen-Doran, Owner of “Skirt” a retail clothing store in Bryn Mawr, is awarded Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Norman Clemmer of Clemmer Moving & Storage in Telford, is named Family-Owned Small Business of the Year; Susan Cannon, of ‘The Sentinel’ in Lewistown, is named the Small Business Journalist of the Year; Daniel Betancourt, President of the Community First Fund in Lancaster, is the Minority Small Business Champion of the Year; Robert Oster, CPA; and CEO of Concannon, Miller & Co. in Allentown, is the Financial Services Champion of the Year; and Clyde Stoltzfus, Director of the Southeast Pennsylvania Procurement Technical Assistance Program at the University of Pennsylvania is named the Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year.

“Each Year the President sets aside National Small Business Week to recognize the role America’s small businesses play in the economy. Locally, we are pleased to honor this year’s winners from Eastern Pennsylvania for their contributions and outstanding accomplishments in supporting small business and job creation,” said Tomas G. Tolan, Director of SBA’s Philadelphia District Office.

SBA’s National Small Business Week Celebration, “SBA Expo ‘05”, takes place on April 26-28, 2005 in Washington, DC. For more information visit [www.sba.gov/expo](http://www.sba.gov/expo).

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